

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 12, 2018  
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Tem Mike Brening

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Council Member Judy Taylor Foster

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee

City Manager Doug Westberry

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Solomon Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Council Member Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Council Member Foster to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular council meeting. The Vote was unanimous with 3 ayes.

Motion made by Council Member Foster, seconded by Council Member Solomon Ferguson to approve the February 2018 Treasurer's Report. The Vote was unanimous with 3 ayes.

Mayor Brening brought two Proclamations to the attention of the Council Members and described both giving praise to the recognized parties. Council Member Solomon Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Foster to ratify the Proclamations. The Vote was unanimous with 3 ayes.

Under Old Business a discussion was held on the Amendment to Chapter 62, Article I of the City of Manchester Code of Ordinances relating to the Regulation of Solid Waste. The Amendment covered the illegal use of trash dumpsters and scavenging in dumpsters. On a motion by Council Member Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Council Member Foster, the Amendment was adopted unanimously with 3 ayes.

In the Mayor's report and comments portion of the meeting, Mayor Brening offered details concerning the roadwork on Perry Street. Mayor Brening also mentioned activities of our Recreation Department currently taking place. The Mayor gave praise to a number of properties that have code compliance issues that were being given attention.

City Manager, Doug Westberry, updated the council on various items as follows:

Meriwether's Spring Great American Cleanup event is set for April 21, 2018. It will run 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. KMB will be recruiting teams from schools, churches, civic clubs as well as individuals. There is no charge to participate, and each team may select the area of Meriwether County they wish to clean. Teams can be as little as two people to as many as you can get to participate. KMB will supply each team with auto litter bags, gloves, trash bags and t-shirts. Container sites will be located in each town and will be confirmed by the date of the event. All tires must be taken to the Meriwether County Public Works Department. Registration forms will be available by March 1 and may be picked up at the Meriwether

County Administration Building or may be emailed. Members of the committee will also have registration forms. For questions about the spring cleanup event, please contact Keep Meriwether Beautiful at 706/672-3464 or email J.Fryer@meriwethercountyga.gov

Liberty Utilities Update: our procedural filing has been submitted to the PSC with a closing date of May 31. Now that our filing work is completed and all objections have been removed, we do expect to receive approval to close on that date. Of course, Liberty will be providing documentation in advance in order to allow time for review on our side.

Invited everyone to attend the Joint Meriwether County and Cities Comprehensive Plan Public Visioning Meeting” at the Manchester City Hall on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm? This will allow citizens of MC to speak about topics of interest. Three Rivers RC is under contract with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to meet with our local governments to discuss their Comprehensive Plans on a regular basis. This purpose of this requirement is to assure that the City/County is regularly reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and using it as a planning guide for local projects/tasks for which the government intends to implement. The comprehensive plan is the official guiding document for the future of Meriwether County. It is designed to formulate a coordinated, long-term planning program for the city and county. It lays out a desired future and guides how that future is to be achieved. It serves as a guide to both the public and private sector by providing a picture of how land will develop, how housing will be made available, how jobs will be attracted and retained, how open space and the environment will be protected, how public services and facilities will be provided, and how transportation facilities will be improved. Further, the Plan guides elected and appointed officials as they deliberate community development issues; and conveys policy and intended programs of action to residents. In short, the comprehensive plan is a unified document providing consistent policy direction. The 1989 Georgia Planning Act requires that all local governments submit a comprehensive plan.

Road Repairs, Pothole Patching are underway again. We have had a period of time when asphalt was not available and our stockpile of used asphalt had diminished. Receipt of asphalt millings from Perry St. provided us with approx. 200 tons of material. GDOT paving project has started to include 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and HWY 41 through Warm Springs

Police Chief Gray Couch provide the City Council with a report concerning 1 home invasion that occurred on March 10 and corrected false reports that were circulating on social media. The Chief stated that he had met with Johnny Kuykendall of the Star Mercury and that an article would appear in the newspaper.

With no further business to come before the City Council, motion made by Council Member Foster and seconded by Council Member Ferguson to adjourn at 5:40 PM. Vote was unanimous with 3 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Westberry, acting City Clerk.

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City Clerk Lea Spell

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Mayor Michael J. Brening